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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, PINR, KS, US
SUBJECT: ASSURANCES IN RESPONSE TO REPORT OF BLUE HOUSE BUGGING

REF: A) STATE 86815, B) STATE 086816

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES HELPFUL RESPONSE REF A FOR
USE WITH FONMIN. MORNING PRESS APRIL 5, A KOREAN NATIONAL
HOLIDAY (ARBOR DAY), CONTINUES FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF
BLUE HOUSE BUGGING STORY. AS WAS TRUE YESTERDAY, APRIL 4,
FOCUS CONTINUES TO BE ON VIOLATION OF KOREAN SOVEREIGNTY
AND INCREASED SERIOUSNESS GIVEN TO CHARGE BECAUSE SOURCE
WAS FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SEOUL. PRESS DOES MENTION
TURNER DENIAL OF LAST AUGUST.

2. IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT COOLER HEADS MAY YET PREVAIL.
AN APRIL 5 HAPTONG STORY QUOTED MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS
BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG YONG AS STATING THAT THE CASE OF
THE REPORTED BLUE HOUSE WIRE TAPPING WOULD BE CONSIDERED
CLOSED AS THE U.S. SIDE EXPLICITLY DENIED SUCH ILLEGAL
EAVESDROPPING OPERATIONS. LOCAL PRESS AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY-
MAN SPOKESMAN HAVE APPARENTLY NOT YET CAUGHT UP WITH THIS LINE.

3. AMBASSADOR WAS UNABLE SEE FONMIN TODAY BECAUSE OF
NATIONAL HOLIDAY, BUT FONMIN HAS REQUESTED A MEETING AT
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1100 HOURS TOMORROW, APRIL 6, AND GUIDANCE PROVIDED WILL
BE USED AT THAT TIME.
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